for limited banking facilities. Further, working of ATMs does not require deployment of any manpower and has a lower infrastructural cost in comparison to a full-fledged branch.

(b) and (c) At present, more than six hundred ATMs of all public sector banks are functioning in NCT of Delhi. As per the extant policy, banks are free to install ATMs at places of their choice. The banks are not required to obtain prior permission of the Reserve Bank of India for installation of on site/off site ATMs. As installation of ATMs is a purely business decision of the managements of the Banks, it is not possible to say how many ATMs will be installed during the next one year.

Draft facility for RRBs

†2237. SHRI KRIPAL PARMAR: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have issued orders for issuance of demands drafts by the Regional Rural Banks payable at the branches of sponsor banks;

(b) if so, whether the sponsor banks have enforced such orders; and

(c) if not, by when Government would ensure draft facility to be used by the Regional Rural Banks for payment at the branches of sponsor banks?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI S.S. PALANIMANICKAM): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) Reserve Bank of India has reported that issue of drafts by Regional Rural Banks (RRBs) on the branches of their sponsor banks is an operational matter and modalities for this arrangement are decided by RRBs and sponsor banks concerned.

Appointment of officers from Sponsor Banks in RRBs

†2238. SHRI KRIPAL PARMAR: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) the posts, on which officers from the sponsor banks are appointed

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.